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has finally adopted the far-side stop as preferable.  
New York has had the same experience. President Vreeland, of the New York City Railway Company, says that in 1893 an ordinance was adopted requiring the cars to stop on the near side, but that after the requirements had become effective, there arose such a public clamor against it that it was repealed. Passengers objected to the near-side stop, because in the winter season they were often required to get on or off the cars at a point where the street was covered with snow or slush. This, by the way, seems to be the only objection to the near-side stop, except that some of the superintendents think that the danger is greater, as an ordinary driver does not know whether or not a car is going to stop before crossing the street, but if the rule is to stop on the far side, they know it will not stop on the near side, and will keep out of the way. This appears to us very little force in that argument, and the only substantial objection raised to the near-side stop is that in bad weather, especially in seasons of snow and along the muddy streets of the suburbs, it is better for the passenger to board or leave the car at the crossing.  
Another it seems to The Times-Dispatch that it matters little on which side the car stops, but it is an irksome annoyance for the cars to stop on both sides of every street carrying an interesting line. That is the nuisance which we are trying to abate, and we are gratified that Mr. Elliott has introduced an ordinance in the Board of Aldermen whose object is to give relief.  
Atlanta's case fits Richmond's precisely. The superintendent in his letter to Mr. Hart says:  
"You doubtless know that we have a great number of lines near the center of the city that cross each other, and owing to our State and city laws, a car must come to a full stop at all street and steam railroad crossings.  
Stopping on the far side of the street necessitated two stops, which was impracticable and useless. Then, again, parties standing on the near side of the street waiting to board cars and leave cars would get off and on as the car passed over the street. By stopping on the near side one stop was cut out, and a great deal of the difficulty about the people getting off and on the cars was eliminated."  
"I do not think there is any doubt but that the near side of the street is the proper place for the cars to stop."  
Atlanta first tried the far-side stop, but for the reasons indicated adopted the reverse rule, and with more satisfactory results.

**The All-Night Saloons.**  
"We are of the opinion, from the testimony before us, that the all-night saloons are a menace to the morals as well as to the peace and well-being of our community, and should be remedied."  
"We are of the opinion that if our City Council would pass an ordinance closing all bar-rooms at not later than 12 o'clock at night, the nuisance complained of by responsible citizens in the neighborhood of such places would, in large measure, be abated, and the criminal docket of our city much lessened."  
Said is the feeling of the special grand jury, of which Colonel C. E. Wingo was foreman. The Times-Dispatch is much gratified at the report, for it was The Times-Dispatch that first advocated the closing of all saloons at midnight. It was through the columns of The Times-Dispatch that Mr. McWhorter made complaint of the all-night saloons, and it was through the columns that various citizens and organizations petitioned the Council to abate the nuisance.  
The all-night saloons must go. The report of the grand jury is the verdict of the public. All saloons must close their doors at midnight.

**Trade vs. Sentiment.**  
Harpers Weekly June the Springfield Republican in making an appeal to the people of California to subordinate local interests to the national interest in order to prevent trouble with Japan. "A Japanese resident in California," says this contemporary, "may not wish to send his children to a school where they can be converted only with other children. He may wish them to become American citizens, and for that purpose he may desire them to go to study certain books, but also to gain some intimate knowledge of the English language and of American history, books and points of view which is most valuable and steadily desired by Americans."  
Quite so, but over and above all these Japanese parents desire their children to be reared upon terms of social equality with the whites, and that, after all, is the real object of their demand. On the other hand, however, people of California do not desire their children to be thus associated with the children of a yellow race, for such association in mixed schools may lead to mixed marriages, and no Anglo-Saxon desires that his child shall be married to the child of a colored race, whether the color be black, red or yellow. This feeling is a deep-seated instinct which has inspired by the Creator himself. The Japanese must insist that their children be given school facilities as good as are provided for the white children, all of which California accedes. But when they insist upon social inter-mixture with their children, or when they insist, as Harpers Weekly puts it, that their children shall receive instruction, not only from the teachers, but from the native race as well, they go a little beyond the mark, and their request cannot be granted.  
The time is ripe, however, that unless California yields, or unless the Federal Government makes her wish, Japan will put a Japanese son into the United States, and after that American citizens will have to deal with the children of a yellow race, and that is a prospect which no American citizen desires.

**Stopping the Cars.**  
Editor of The Times-Dispatch:  
Sir,—While admitting that it is annoying to have the street cars stopped on both sides of a cross street, as set forth in your editorial of even date, yet I must say that the far side and not the near side is the proper place for stoppage.  
If the cars stop on the near side of the cross street, and bring their rear platform to the crossing, the front of the car must necessarily block the cross street to teams while the car is standing. If the car is stopped on the far side of the cross street, then all of the car is beyond the cross street, and the traffic along the street is in no manner disturbed. Further, it would take quite a while to educate our people that the custom had been changed. I have seen the effects of this stoppage on the near side of a cross street, and as for me, although I own no team, yet I consider the convenience of those that do, and say make no change, although I use the cars.  
J. N. BALDWIN.  
Richmond, Va.

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## Rhymes for To-Day

**Book-Talk.**  
HAVE heard some conversation in my day  
That was elegant and pretty erudite;  
I've heard some polished people sit and say  
Some things that thrilled me through  
with pure delight.  
The brightest men who've galloped down the pike  
I've listened to from close-by, modest nooks—  
But never I harked to talking that was like  
The brilliant conversation in the books.  
(Those gentlemen and ladies in the books)  
They're a marvel and a mystery to me;  
From their ready hunks of knowledge, I infer each went to college  
And secured a master-talker's Ph. D.)  
What learning and what science they've acquired!  
They chatter as they breakfast or they sup  
Information which if you and I required  
We should have to take a day to look it up.  
All sorts of earth beneath and heaven above  
Expressed in language harder than it looks—  
Oh, that's a very faint description of  
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